



## Preview Men's 96kg

- The men's 96kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Sohrab Moradi (IRI) won all three world titles in the men's 94kg at the 2017 world championships and also win the Asian Games gold medal (Total) in the 94kg earlier this year.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, the last man to win three world titles at successive world championships was Liao Hui (CHN), who won the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total in the men's 69kg at the 2013 and 2014 world championships.
- The only lifters from Iran to win more weightlifting world titles are Mohammed Nassiri (10), Hossein Reza Zadeh (10), Behdad Salimikordasiabi (4) and Kianoush Rostami (4).
- The last man from Iran to claim a world title at successive world championships was Salimikordasiabi in 2010 and 2011.
- Moradi (30 years - 46 days) could become the second-oldest weightlifter from Iran to claim a world title, after Mahmoud Namdjou (IRI, 33y-36d) who won the men's 56kg Total in 1951.
- Moradi also won the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 94kg event (Total) in Ashgabat last year.
- Reza Beiravand (IRI) won the Clean & Jerk and the Total in the men's 105kg at the 2017 junior world championships, while claiming silver in the Snatch.
- Rustem Sybay (KAZ) won gold in the men's 94kg Clean & Jerk and Total at the 2015 Asian championships.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, the last men from Kazakhstan to claim a medal at the world championships were Alexandr Zaichikov (KAZ, G1-S2-B0), Nijat Rahimov (KAZ, G2-S0-B1) and Arli Chontey (KAZ, G0-S1-B0) in 2015.
- Fares Ibrahim E. H. Elbakh (QAT) claimed silver in the men's 94kg Clean & Jerk at the 2017 world championships at 19 years of age, making him the first man from Qatar to claim a world championship medal in 10 years and the youngest all-time.
- Elbakh could become the third man from Qatar to claim a medal at multiple world championships, after Jaber Saeed Salem (QAT, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007) and Sufyan Abbas Nader (QAT, 1999, 2001, 2005).
- The last men from Qatar to win a world title were Saif Assad Assad (QAT, 105kg Total) and Salem (+105kg Snatch) in 2003.
- Elbakh won silver in the 94kg (Total) event at this year's Asian Games.
- Sarat Sumpradit (THA) claimed bronze in the men's 94kg (Total) at the 2018 Asian Games. Coming into these championships, a man from Thailand has yet to win a world title and the highest weight class it has won a medal in a men's event in was the 69kg event, last year by Tairat Bunsuk (THA, silver in Snatch and Total).
- Tian Tao (CHN) won the world title in the men's 85kg Snatch at the 2015 world championships.
- The only man from China to claim a world title in a weight category above 85kg is Cui Wenhua (CHN), who claimed five world titles in the men's 108kg (1995-1997) and 105kg (1998).

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